

REMARKS

The Examiner has asserted a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring restriction of the application to one of the following claim groups:

Group I including claims 2-4, 11, 14-16, and 18;

Group II including claims 11-17; and

Group III including claim 5-10.

Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner that Groups I-III are distinct inventions, Applicant hereby elects Group I including claims 1 (which is generic), 2-4, 11, 14-16, and 18 for prosecution in this application. Applicant has elected Group I in order to expedite prosecution of this application, so that claims 5-10, 12, 13, and 17 have been withdrawn from prosecution without disclaimer or prejudice.

Claims 1-18 (1 independent claim and 18 total claims) remain pending in the application. The foregoing amendment conforms this application to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action mailed on August 12, 2005. The foregoing election is made without waiver, estoppel, or prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

The undersigned would welcome a telephone call at the telephone number listed below if such would advance prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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